

# NSF-funded Research: Translational Impact and Innovation

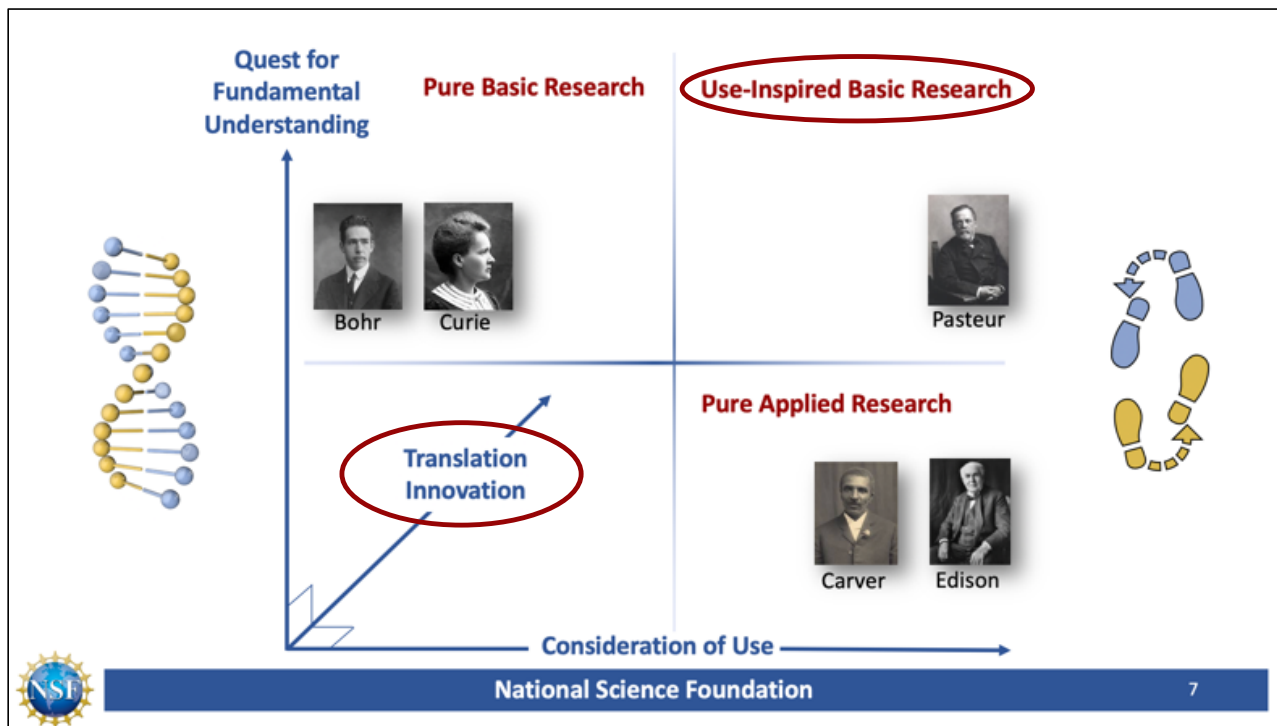
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# Today's objectives



- Deeper dive into translational-impact portfolio
- Lessons learned, capacity
- Imagining tomorrow's innovation ecosystem

# Translational impacts, mechanisms

	IUCRC	GOALI	INTERN	Transition-to-practice	PFI	NSF I-Corps™	SBIR/STTR	Interagency programs	Joint programs with industry	ATE	NSF INCLUDES	SWIFT	Bio-synthesis Centers	Convergence Accelerator	Shared facilities
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At-scale educational approaches															
Other federal agencies' missions															
Community services															
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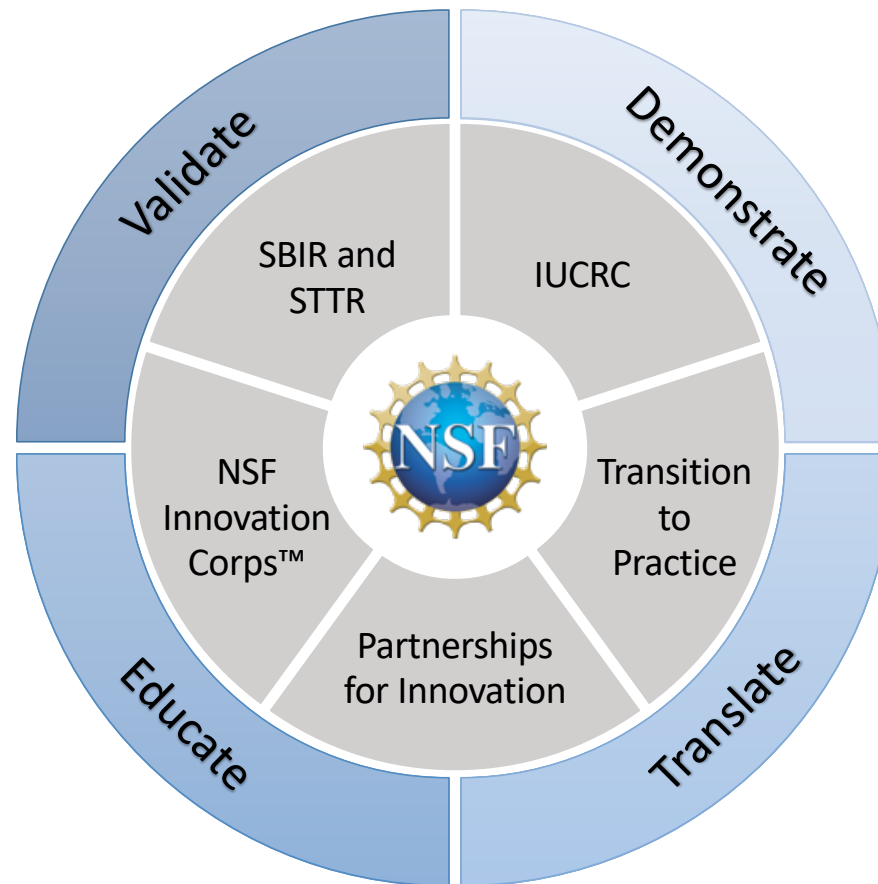
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Federal enterprise

At-scale education

Community services

Future Education



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**In a recent 10-year period:**

- **73 centers nationwide**
- **203** research sites
- **37** states
- **1,630** students hired by members



- Catalyzes pre-competitive research through sustained engagement between industry, academics and government agencies



\$20K-\$150K across Phases

\$23M/year for >73 centers

100s more centers



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- Mature ideas or research results
- Demonstrate as usable capabilities
- For the research community or industry

\$150K-\$1M per project

\$12M per year

>\$500M in viable projects



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- Create collaborations with industry
- License NSF-funded research outputs to third-party corporations or to start-up companies

\$250K-550K per project

\$22M per year

>\$500M in viable projects





- Train NSF-funded faculty, students in innovation and entrepreneurship skills to spur translation of research to marketplace



- 8 Nodes, 99 Sites to date
- Teams focus on **Product-Market Fit**
- Curriculum/process focus
- Nearly 800 startups created to date

\$15M/Hub; \$50K/Team

\$37M/year for 200 Teams

1000s of Teams per year







- Up to \$1.75M in R&D funding to develop transformative, deep tech, high-impact technologies



- Transforms scientific discovery into products and services with commercial and societal benefit

\$250K Phase I; \$1M Phase II;  
\$500K Phase IIB

\$234M per year

>\$1B in requests

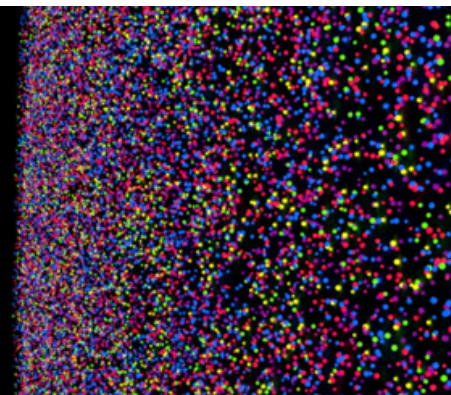


# Exploratory to translational: Biomarker colocalization



## BIOMARKER COLOCALIZATION THROUGH FLUORESCENCE

The ExoView™ platform provides the ability to measure up to 4 markers on a single extracellular vesicle, with single binding event sensitivities. Measure even the smallest exosomes with confidence.



**1996**  
NSF CAREER  
award to PI Selim Ünlü,  
Boston U

**2013**  
Team completes  
NSF I-Corps

**2020**  
Company completes  
fundraising round –  
raises \$15M

**2011**  
PFI award to  
Ünlü and student,  
David Freedman

**2015**  
NSF SBIR Phase I  
award

**2018**  
NSF SBIR Phase II  
award



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At least \$500M per year

>10X untapped capacity



# Envisioning tomorrow's innovation ecosystem



INDUSTRIES OF THE FUTURE  
INSTITUTES: A NEW MODEL FOR  
AMERICAN SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
LEADERSHIP

“...The [Institutes] will [enable] tight coupling of multiple sectors [that] will enhance innovation across the spectrum of foundational to applied R&D by enabling rapid feedback and providing a clear pathway to translate discoveries to practice...”

“...we must take full advantage of [the] synergistic combination of philanthropic and government support for science ... government can and should cooperate and coordinate with philanthropy ... in the support of science...”



“Tackle scientific and technological challenges that cannot be efficiently addressed by standard organizational structures [and] benefit society broadly in ways that ... harbor opportunities for acceleration...”



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## NSF, NSB Listening Sessions



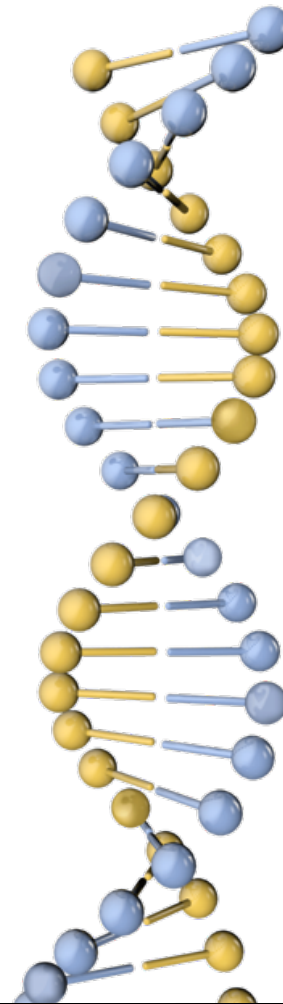
- Tackling grand societal challenges
- Diversifying the STEM workforce
- Leveraging “blended teams”



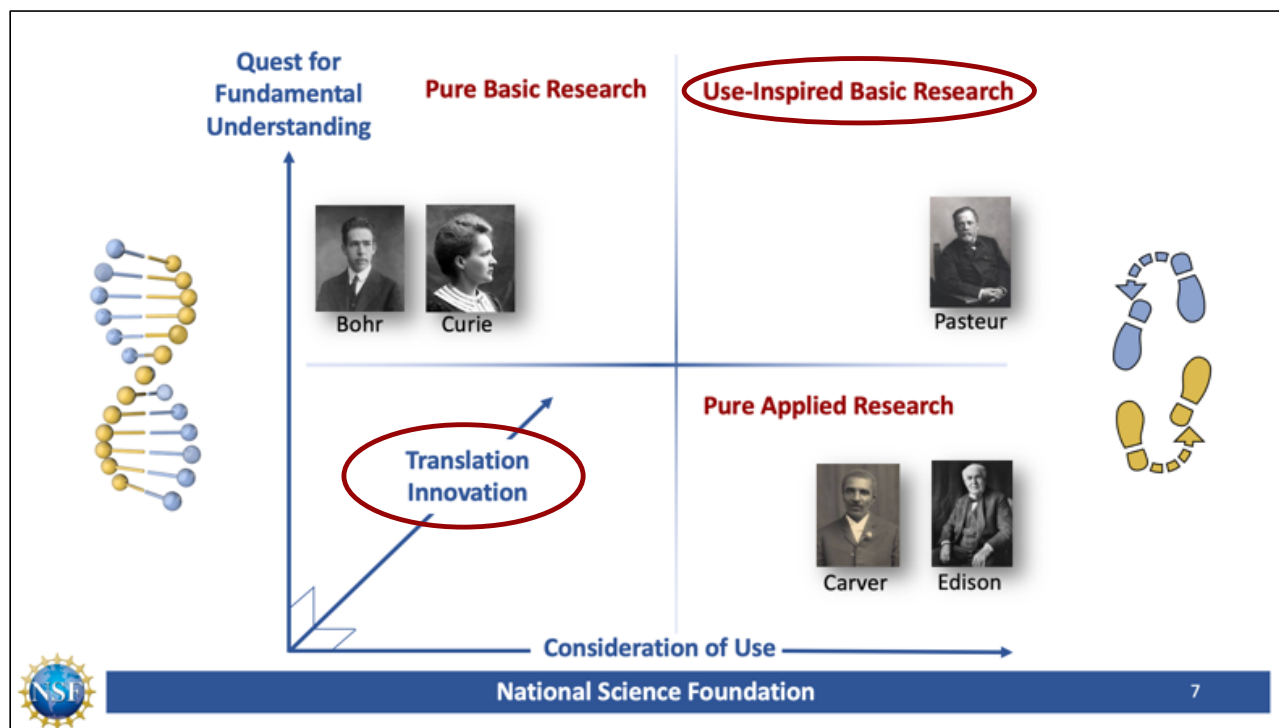
# Imagining innovation accelerators

- Use-inspired, challenge-driven, convergent
- Leveraging the virtuous cycle of foundational and use-inspired research
- Long-term, large-scale
- Public-private partnerships
- Innovation and technology transfer
- Education, workforce, diversity

Scalable growth: 2, 5, 10X



# The seeds of a crosscutting emphasis



- Use-inspired, translation, and innovation are all part of our DNA
- Opportunity to elevate, enhance
- Drives our mission, our S&E enterprise, our future